

COLUSA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Colusa County Water District ("CCWD") ("the District") provides this Notice pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2 of its election to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") for the area of the basin identified in Exhibit A.

CCWD is a county water district formed and operating under the provisions of California Water Code Sections 30000, and following, and has the authority to exercise powers related to groundwater management. The District has territory in Colusa and Yolo Counties, and depends on the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin (the "Basin"), an unadjudicated groundwater basin underlying the District's service area, to help meet the water needs of their landowners.

On April 2, 2015, CCWD held a public hearing to consider its decision to serve as a GSA for the Basin. The District caused notice of its election to serve as a GSA to be published in the *Woodland Daily Democrat*, *Sacramento Valley Mirror*, *Colusa Sun-Herald*, and the *Red Bluff Daily News* as provided by Water Code Section 10723(b) and Government Code Section 6066. Courtesy copies of the notice were also mailed to Westside Water District, Cortina Water District, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Reclamation District No. 108, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Boards of Supervisors of Yolo and Colusa Counties. No negative comments were received prior to or at the hearing.

Immediately following the hearing, pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.6, CCWD adopted a resolution, attached as Exhibit B, electing that CCWD shall be the GSA for the area described therein, and setting out a framework for the development, adoption and implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan ("GSP") for the Basin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") and other applicable provisions of law. The District has not adopted any other bylaws, regulations, or ordinances in its role as GSA at this time.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4) the District will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs. The District has communicated with parties interested in the sustainable management of groundwater in the Basin, and will continue to solicit feedback from those parties as the plan is developed. These interests include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- *Holders of overlying groundwater rights:*
 - *Agricultural users:* This GSA's area of the basin is composed almost entirely of agricultural users, most of whom have an existing relationship with the District.
 - *Domestic well owners:* There are many domestic wells within the GSA, however, based on the understanding of groundwater conditions that currently exist, or are likely to exist in the foreseeable future, the GSA anticipates that the plan will exclude domestic wells.

- *Municipal well operators:* There are no municipal well operators within the boundaries of the GSA. Arbuckle Public Utility District, a municipal well operator, adjoins the GSA boundary area. In addition, there is a municipal well, operated by a homeowners association or other entity, which serves the Almond Ranch Estates subdivision that also adjoins the GSA boundary area. The District will coordinate preparation of the GMP as appropriate with those well operators.
- *Public water systems:* See comments above regarding municipal well operators.
- *Local land use planning agencies:*
 - Colusa County: The District provided notice of its intention to serve as the GSA, and will continue to communicate with and solicit feedback from them as the GSA is developed. In addition, the District continue its participation in Colusa County's groundwater planning efforts.
 - Other Water, Irrigation, and Reclamation Districts outside the GSA boundaries: The District provided courtesy notice of their intention to serve as a GSA to Westside Water District, Reclamation District No. 108, Cortina Water District, Dunnigan Water District, and Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and will continue to communicate with and solicit feedback from these neighboring agencies as the GSA develops the plan.
- *Environmental users of groundwater:* N/A
- *Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies:* N/A
- *The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands:* N/A.
- *California Native American tribes:* N/A.
- *Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems. :* N/A.
- *Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA:* The District does not have its own groundwater management plan adopted under Water Code Sections 10750, *et seq.*, but entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Colusa to cooperate in the County's AB 3030 plan. The County collects groundwater data pursuant to groundwater ordinances. Yolo County collects certain groundwater data as well. The GSA will continue to coordinate with both counties regarding the plan.

The District and other interest holders' roles and responsibilities will be further defined in the plan. The District's staff welcomes feedback during this process from the state and any of the agencies or organizations listed here. If the Department of Water Resources requires anything further prior to the acceptance of this notification of the District's election to serve as a GSA for

the defined part of the Basin, please address your concerns to Shelly Murphy, District's General Manager.

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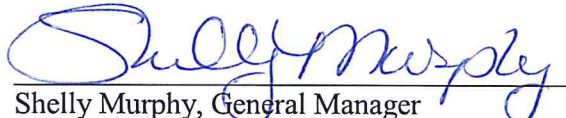

Shelly Murphy, General Manager
Colusa County Water District

EXHIBIT A

GSA MAP

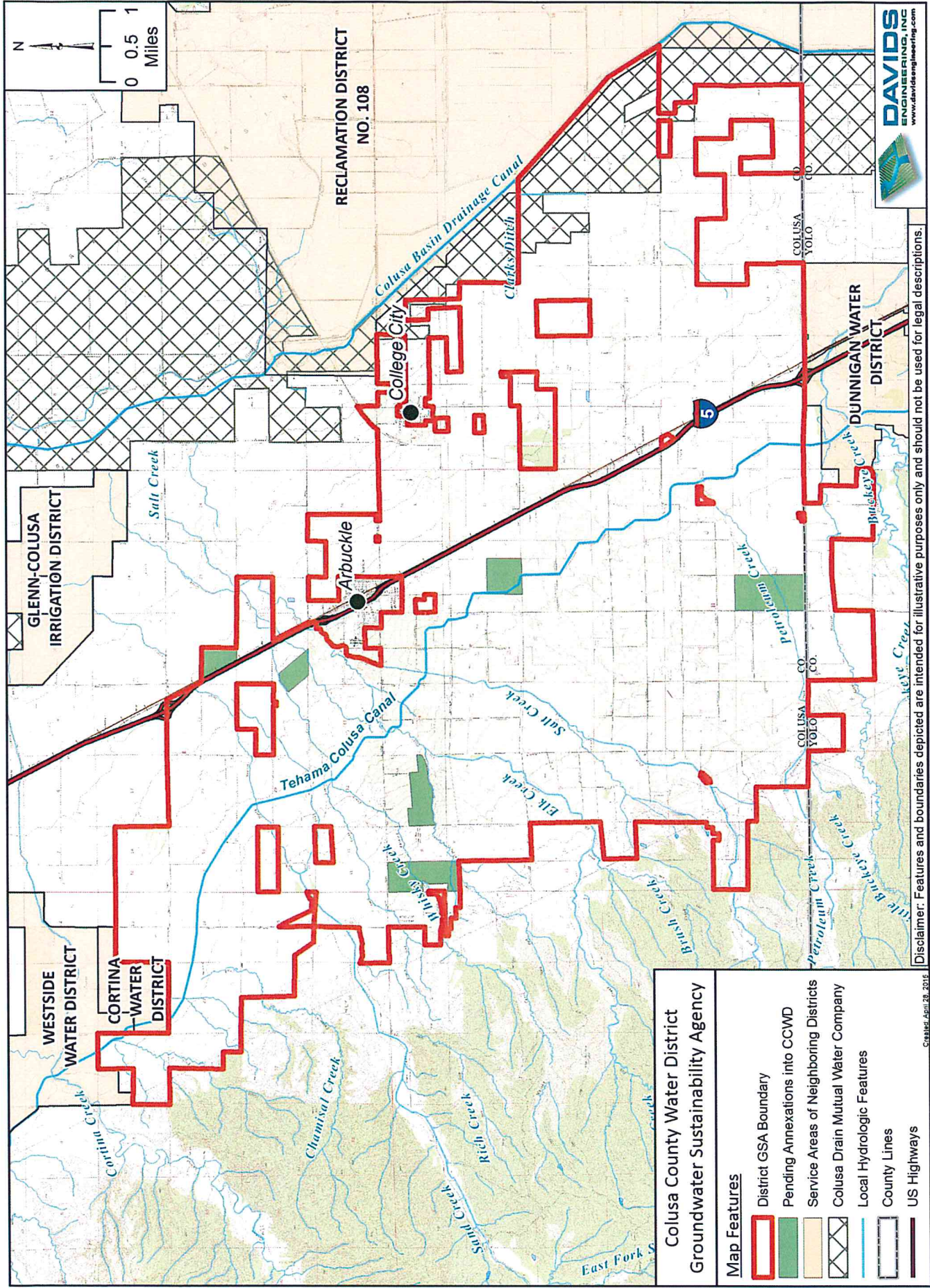


EXHIBIT B
RESOLUTION

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COLUSA COUNTYWATERDISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4**

**RESOLUTION OF DISTRICT ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT ACT**

AS A BASIS AND PREMISE for this resolution, the Board of Directors of COLUSA
COUNTYWATERDISTRICT ("the District") finds:

1. The California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("the Act"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion.

2. In order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency or combination of local agencies must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency.

3. The District is a local agency, as the Act defines that term.

4. Where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the Act calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the groundwater basin in a sustainable manner for the common good.

5. The District overlies an unadjudicated basin, the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin (designated basin number 5-21.52 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("the Basin"), and it is appropriate for the District to be a groundwater sustainability agency.

6. It is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with other water agencies and the Counties of Colusa and Yolo ("the Counties"), as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion.

1 7. Notice of a hearing on the District's election to become a groundwater sustainability
2 agency for the Basin has been published in the Daily Democrat, Sacramento Valley Mirror, Colusa
3 Sun Herald, and Red Bluff Daily News as provided by law.

4 8. Courtesy copies of the Notice were also mailed to the Colusa and Yolo County
5 Board of Supervisors, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Reclamation District 108, Yolo County
6 Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Westside Water District and Cortina Water District.

7 9. On this day, the District held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect
8 to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin.

9 10. It would be in the best interests of the District to become a groundwater sustainability
10 agency for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, ADJUDGED and ORDAINED as follows:

12 1. The District hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the
13 Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin.

14 2. Within thirty days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to
15 provide notice of this election to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner
16 required by law.

17 3. One of the elements of the notice to the Department of Water Resources is the
18 boundaries of the area of the basin or the portion of the basin that the District intends to manage.
19 Until further action of the Board, the boundaries of the District, including areas of non-District land
20 that have been identified for annexation, shall be the boundaries of the portion of the basin that the
21 District intends to manage. A copy of a map of the management area is attached as Exhibit A, and
22 the areas identified for annexation are designated by cross-hatching.

23 4. The General Manager shall begin discussions with other local agencies, and with the
24 Counties in order to begin the process of developing groundwater sustainability plans for the Basin.
25 The General Manager is further directed to develop a plan for the District, or a joint plan with other
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1 groundwater sustainability agencies in which the District might join, in consultation and close
2 coordination with other local agencies, as contemplated by the Act.

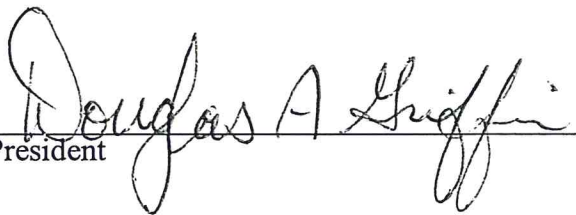
3 5. The General Manager is directed to report back to the Board at least quarterly on the
4 progress toward developing the groundwater sustainability plans. The Board of Directors wishes to
5 move forward aggressively to complete the development of these plans as quickly as may be feasible
6 and to ensure that the Basin is managed in a sustainable fashion at the earliest possible date.

7 PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of COLUSA
8 COUNTY Water District on April 2, 2015 by the following vote:

9 AYES: Directors Griffin, Charter, Rominger, Myers and Marsh

10 NOES: None

11 ABSENT: None

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14 President

15 ATTEST:

16 
17 Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, SHELLY MURPHY, the duly and regularly appointed Secretary of the COLUSA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and exact copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of COLUSA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, duly and regularly passed and adopted at a meeting of the said Board of Directors at Arbuckle, California, on April 2, 2015, the original of which is on file in my office and duly and regularly entered in the official records of proceedings of the Board of Directors of COLUSA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.

Dated: April 2, 2015.


Secretary